

<h1>Transmittal Checklist</h1>	Hearing Date April 16, 2013
	Agenda Item Number 6

Project Number: R2012-02420-(5)
Case(s): CUP No. 201200141
Contact Person: Rob Glaser

Included	NA/None	Document
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Reviewed By: 



Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

Conditional Use Permit No. 201200141
Environmental Assessment No. 201200253

PROJECT SUMMARY

OWNER / APPLICANT

Castaic FGC LLC. / Las Rocas Bar and Grill

MAP/EXHIBIT DATE

March 14, 2013

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The applicant, Las Rocas Bar and Grill, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages (Type 47 beer, wine, and distilled spirits) for on-site consumption at a new restaurant within an existing shopping center within the CPD (Commercial Planned Development) Zone. A CUP is required for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at a restaurant pursuant to Section 22.28.340 and Section 22.56.195 of the Los Angeles County Code. The restaurant consists of a dining room, bar/lounge, kitchen/back bar, restroom, storage, office, and outdoor patio dining. The restaurant currently has an occupant load of 74 seats for indoor dining and 45 seats for outdoor dining. This restaurant was previously authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption through CUP No. 200600230-(5) at a different location within the shopping center.

LOCATION

27911-27977 Sloan Canyon Road, Castaic

ACCESS

Via Sloan Canyon Road or The Old Road

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER(S)

2865-030-013

SITE AREA

19.2 Acres

GENERAL PLAN / LOCAL PLAN

Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan

ZONED DISTRICT

Castaic Canyon

LAND USE DESIGNATION

C (Commercial)

ZONE

CPD

PROPOSED UNITS

N/A

MAX DENSITY/UNITS

N/A

COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT (CSD)

Castaic CSD

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION (CEQA)

Class 1 Categorical Exemption – Existing Facilities

KEY ISSUES

- Consistency with the Los Angeles County General Plan and the prior adopted Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan
- Satisfaction of the following Section(s) of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code:
 - 22.56.040 (Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof Requirements)
 - 22.28.340 (CPD Zone Development Standards)
 - 22.56.195 (CUP for Alcoholic Beverage Sales Burden of Proof Requirements)
 - 22.44.137 (Castaic Community Standards District)

CASE PLANNER:

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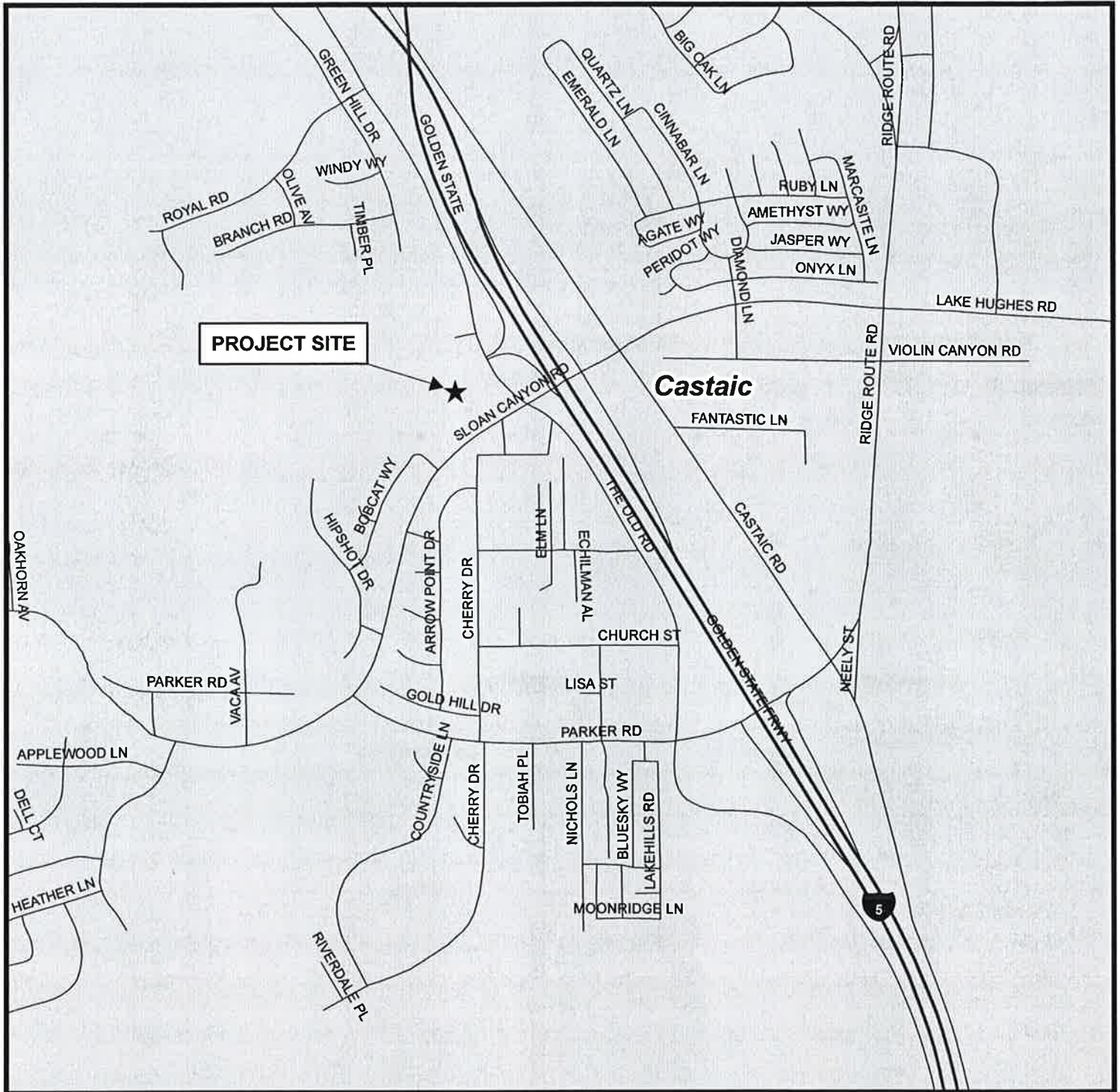
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VICINITY MAP



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Legend

- Freeways
- TB Streets
- Unincorporated Area

0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 Feet

1 inch = 1,000 feet



ENTITLEMENTS REQUESTED

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EXISTING ZONING

The subject property is zoned CPD.

Surrounding properties are zoned as follows:

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- East: M-1 (Light Manufacturing) and CPD
- West: RPD-8,000-5.5U

EXISTING LAND USES

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

County Staff recommends that this project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption (Class 1 Exemption (Existing Facilities) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County environmental guidelines, since the project is to establish the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant and there is no interruption of use. Therefore, staff recommends that the Hearing Officer determine that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

STAFF EVALUATION

General Plan/Community Plan Consistency

The project site is located within the C (Commercial) land use category of the 1984 Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan. The 1984 Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) Area Plan is being used in the consistency analysis, since the project request was submitted and deemed complete prior to the adoption on the updated SCV Area Plan called One Valley One Vision (OVOV) on November 27, 2012. This C designation is intended for supermarkets, drug stores, small clothing stores and gift shops, hardware stores, shoe stores, jewelry stores, specialty shops, ice cream parlors, candy stores, coffee shops, small restaurants, donut shops, branch banks and small retail and supporting outlets found in large shopping centers that typify what may be expected in a community commercial center. The restaurant is located in an existing community commercial center and is consistent with the land use designation and is therefore consistent with the permitted uses of the underlying land use category.

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In addition to the SCV Plan consistency the following general policy from the Los Angeles Countywide General Plan (General Plan) is applicable to the subject property and serves as guideline for the continued use on the subject property:

- *General Policy No. 20 (General Plan pg. I-21) – “Maintain and conserve existing development.”*

The existing family restaurant has been providing food service with alcohol to the surrounding community since September 2007. The restaurant use provides a valuable service to the local residents. The sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for on-site consumption would be considered a public convenience as it is served at a restaurant to complement the dining experience.

Zoning Ordinance and Development Standards Compliance

Pursuant to Section 22.28.340 of the County Code, establishments in the CPD Zone are subject to the following development standards:

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- In addition, a sign program was approved with CUP 02-087 which prohibits business wall signs to be located on the rear elevation of the buildings. During the review of Revised Exhibit "A" No. 201300004, it was verified that the relocation of the restaurant was consistent with the original approval of CUP 02-087 including parking, landscaping and signage, which is consistent with the development standards for this shopping center.

Pursuant to Section 22.44.137 of the County Code, establishments in the Castaic Community Standards District (CSD) are subject to the following:

- The Las Rocas Bar and Grill was originally authorized through CUP 02-087 and was constructed as part of a shopping center in 2003. This project was found consistent with the Castaic CSD community-wide development standards prior to the approval of CUP 02-087. Revised Exhibit "A" No. 201300004 approved on January 15, 2013, was also found consistent with Castaic CSD development standards, which apply to this request would be signage and lighting. The lighting was authorized through CUP 02-087 and there is no change in the lighting of the shopping center proposed. The signage was verified to be consistent through Revised Exhibit "A" No. 201300004.

Site Visit

Staff conducted a site visit on March 14, 2013 to validate the site plan for the requested project. The site plan was correct and staff observed the tenant improvements under construction at the new Las Rocas Bar & Grill location. There was also a monument sign on the Sloan Canyon entrance observed to the shopping center that will remain the same. The public hearing poster was seen on The Old Road and in the window of the new location of the Las Rocas Bar & Grill.

Burden of Proof

The applicant is required to substantiate all facts identified by Section(s) 22.56.040 and 22.56.195 of the County Code. The Burden of Proof with applicant's responses is attached. Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has met the burden of proof.

CUP Burden of Proof

- A. That the requested use at the location will not:
1. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or
 2. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or
 3. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare; and

Allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages in connection with the operation of a full service dining establishment will not cause any issues because alcohol sales are customarily associated with such uses, and desired by the patrons of the business. There are no other opportunities in the surrounding community for such dining. The continued operation of this restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages, will be conditioned properly and operated in compliance with, and

adhering to State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requirements, including employee training programs. Therefore, the project will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing in the area, nor is the use detrimental to the enjoyment or valuation of property location within the vicinity.

- B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area; and

The subject property is five (5) acres in size. The restaurant building measures 3,754 square feet and the parking lot provides 208 stalls. The project is for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant. The restaurant meets setback, parking, building height, fencing, and landscaping requirements. The alcohol permit will not change anything about the exterior of the building and the entire shopping center is consistent with the Castaic Community Standards District. Therefore, the site is adequate to accommodate the development features prescribed in Title 22.

- C. That the proposed site is adequately served:
1. By highways or streets of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and
 2. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

Access to the subject property is via The Old Road and Sloan Canyon Road, both designated major highways on the County Master Plan of Highways, which is 80 feet wide at this portion of the highways. The highway is improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic that would be expected in connection with the proposed project. The existing restaurant utilizes a sewer system for wastewater disposal. Public water is provided. There is a County Fire Department Station is a half mile from the center. The community is served by the Santa Clarita Valley Office of the County Sheriff's Department.

Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Burden of Proof (Section 22.56.195)

- D. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of a place used exclusively for religious worship, school, park, playground or any similar use within a 600-foot radius; and

The requested alcohol permit for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant will not adversely affect places used for religious worship, schools, parks, or playground. However, there is a public library, which is considered a similar use, located 180 feet from the restaurant within the same shopping center. Properly conditioned there will not be an adverse affect on the library.

- E. The requested use at the proposed location is sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area within the immediate vicinity so as not to adversely affect said area; and

The subject property is five (5) acres in size. The restaurant building measures 3,754 square feet and the parking lot provides 208 stalls. There are two separate single-family residential neighbors to the south and southwest located approximately 400 feet from restaurant. The restaurant is sufficiently buffered from the residences in the surrounding area since it is located in an existing shopping center and the request for an alcohol permit will not change existing conditions since relocation of the restaurant is in the same shopping center.

- F. The requested use at the proposed location will not result in an undue concentration of similar premises; a separation of not less than 500 feet shall not be construed as undue concentration; provided, however, that the planning agency may find that the public convenience or necessity for an additional facility selling alcoholic for off-site consumption, outweighs the fact that it is either on-site or off-site consumption, in which case the shelf space devoted to alcoholic beverage shall be limited to not more than five percent of the total shelf space in the establishment; and

The alcohol request is for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant, and no other establishments that have an alcohol license for on-site consumption within 500 feet, however the Walgreens has a CUP for off-site consumption within 500 feet from the Las Rocas Bar & Grill and that a finding for public convenience or necessity is required since the project does create an undue concentration as defined in the County Code. The total number of alcohol licenses allowed in Census Tract 9201-04 is two and the total number of alcohol licenses that exist in this Census Tract are one, which is for the Las Rocas Bar and Grill, the approval of the requested alcohol license would not create an undue concentration within the Census Tract, according to California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC") standards. The sale of alcoholic beverages would provide a full service dining experience as no other facility in the vicinity provides this service for on-site consumption. This restaurant would be able to provide a community benefit by offering the opportunity for alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption with a meal and currently this type of facility does not exist. Alcoholic beverages sold with a meal, creates a better environment for the consumption of alcohol rather than a standalone bar that does not serve food. In addition, ABC would require training for all employees of the restaurant to be sure that alcohol consumption is done in a safe manner. Staff believes that they meet this finding of public convenience and necessity.

- G. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the nearby community; and

The Castaic community is small and the Las Rocas Bar and Grill supports the local neighborhood. The request for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant would not adversely affect the economy of the surrounding area because this is something that one would customarily expect in connection with dining, that there are either no other dining

establishments in the area that offer this service, and as such would be a beneficial addition. In fact the previous approval in 2007 was supported by the Castaic Town Council. This request was not brought to the Castaic Town Council, since the restaurant was relocation in the same shopping center.

- H. The exterior appearance of the structure will not be inconsistent with the exterior appearance of commercial structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood so as to cause blight, deterioration, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.

The existing restaurant structure's exterior appearance is consistent with the other commercial buildings located in the shopping center and does not cause blight, deterioration or substantially diminish property values. The alcohol permit will not change the exterior of the building except for the business sign; therefore, the project will not change that the underlying existing building is consistent with the immediate neighborhood character and consistent with the Castaic Area Community Standards District development standards.

Both Burdens' of Proof with applicant's responses are attached. Staff is of opinion that the applicant has met both burdens of proof.

Neighborhood Impact/Land Use Compatibility

The Las Rocas Bar and Grill originally obtained their alcohol permit in September 2007 and has been operation without complaint for six years at their previous location. The restaurant is relocated within the same shopping center and plans to continue serving the Castaic community. This is the only restaurant in the Castaic community that serves alcoholic beverage for on-site consumption. Since the restaurant is able to serve food with alcoholic beverages, it enhances the dining experience for the patrons. The restaurant is adequately buffer by the commercial shopping center from the residential community. The requested permit will be conditioned so that the public library, which is considered a sensitive use, will not be adversely affected by the sale of alcoholic beverage for on-site consumption at this restaurant. Therefore, the sale of alcoholic beverages at this location in the Castaic community will be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Sheriff's response letter to the applicant's request dated December 6, 2012 indicated that they have responded to 18 calls for service at 27963 Sloan Canyon Road in Castaic for the past five (5) years. Nine (9) calls were for robbery and burglary activations, one (1) call for a burglary report, and eight (8) calls for suspicious persons, loitering juveniles, keeping the peace, etc. All calls for service were routine in nature and this establishment has not been a problem. The Sheriff does not oppose approval of this CUP.

OTHER AGENCY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ABC, from a fax dated November, 28 2012, indicated that the location of the restaurant is in a high crime reporting district. The subject property is located in Census Tract

9201-04, which allows for two (2) ABC licenses for on-site consumption and currently one (1) exists for the Las Rocas Bar and Grill. There is no undue concentration of license in the area; however a letter of Public Convenience or Necessity is required.

LEGAL NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper, property posting, library posting and DRP website posting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Staff has not received any comments at this time.

FEES/DEPOSITS

If approved, fees identified in the attached project conditions will apply unless modified by the Hearing Officer.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing:

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of Project Number R2012-02420-(5), Conditional Use Permit Number 201200141, subject to the attached conditions.

SUGGESTED APPROVAL MOTION:

I, THE HEARING OFFICER, CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CEQA GUIDELINES, AND APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 201200141 SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.

Prepared by Rob Glaser, Principal Regional Planning Assistant, Zoning Permits North Section

Reviewed by Susan Tae, Supervising Regional Planner, Zoning Permits North Section

Attachments:

Draft Findings, Draft Conditions of Approval

Applicant's Burden of Proof statement

Correspondence

Site Photographs, Aerial Image

Site Plan

SMT:rg

4-3-13

**DRAFT FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE HEARING OFFICER
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The Las Rocas Bar and Grill was originally authorized through CUP 02-087 and was constructed as part of a shopping center in 2003. This project was found consistent with the Castaic CSD community-wide development standards prior to the approval of CUP 02-087. Revised Exhibit "A" No. 201300004 approved on January 15, 2013, was also found consistent with Castaic CSD development standards, which apply to this request would be signage and lighting. The lighting was authorized through CUP 02-087 and there is no change in the lighting of the shopping center proposed. The signage was verified to be consistent through Revised Exhibit "A" No. 201300004.

11. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT/LAND USE COMPATIBILITY.

The Las Rocas Bar and Grill originally obtained their alcohol permit in September 2007 and has been operation without complaint for six years at their previous location. The restaurant is relocated within the same shopping center and plans to continue serving the Castaic community. This is the only restaurant in the Castaic community that serves alcoholic beverage for on-site consumption. Since the restaurant is able to serve food with alcoholic beverages, it enhances the dining experience for the patrons. The restaurant is adequately buffer by the commercial shopping center from the residential community. The requested permit will be conditioned so that the public library, which is considered a sensitive use, will not be adversely affected by the sale of alcoholic beverage for on-site consumption at this restaurant. Therefore, the sale of alcoholic beverages at this location in the Castaic community will be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

12. COUNTY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Sheriff's response letter to the applicant's request dated December 6, 2012 indicated that they have responded to 18 calls for service at 27963 Sloan Canyon Road in Castaic for the past five (5) years. Nine (9) calls were for robbery and burglary activations, one (1) call for a burglary report, and eight (8) calls for

suspicious persons, loitering juveniles, keeping the peace, etc. All calls for service were routine in nature and this establishment has not been a problem. The Sheriff does not oppose approval of this CUP.

13. OTHER AGENCY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ABC, from a fax dated November, 28 2012, indicated that the location of the restaurant is in a high crime reporting district. The subject property is located in Census Tract 9201-04, which allows for two (2) ABC licenses for on-site consumption and currently one (1) exists for the Las Rocas Bar and Grill. There is no undue concentration of license in the area; however a letter of Public Convenience or Necessity is required.

14. LEGAL NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper and property posting.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments were received at this time.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT SPECIFIC FINDINGS

16. The project site is located within the C (Commercial) land use category of the 1984 Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan. The 1984 Santa Clarita Valley (SCV) Area Plan is being used in the consistency analysis, since the project request was submitted and deemed complete prior to the adoption on the updated SCV Area Plan called One Valley One Vision (OVOV) on November 27, 2012. This C designation is intended for supermarkets, drug stores, small clothing stores and gift shops, hardware stores, shoe stores, jewelry stores, specialty shops, ice cream parlors, candy stores, coffee shops, small restaurants, donut shops, branch banks and small retail and supporting outlets found in large shopping centers that typify what may be expected in a community commercial center. The restaurant is located in an existing community commercial center and is consistent with the land use designation and is therefore consistent with the permitted uses of the underlying land use category.

Therefore, the proposed use will be consistent with the adopted general plan for the area.

17. Allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages in connection with the operation of a full service dining establishment will not cause any issues because alcohol sales are customarily associated with such uses, and desired by the patrons of the business. There are no other opportunities in the surrounding community for such dining. The continued operation of this restaurant with the sale of alcoholic beverages, will be conditioned properly and operated in compliance with, and adhering to State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) requirements, including employee training programs. Therefore, the project will not adversely affect the health, peace,

comfort or welfare of persons residing in the area, nor is the use detrimental to the enjoyment or valuation of property location within the vicinity.

Therefore, the requested use at the location proposed will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

18. The subject property is five (5) acres in size. The restaurant building measures 3,754 square feet and the parking lot provides 208 stalls. The project is for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant. The restaurant meets setback, parking, building height, fencing, and landscaping requirements. The alcohol permit will not change anything about the exterior of the building and the entire shopping center is consistent with the Castaic Community Standards District. Therefore, the site is adequate to accommodate the development features prescribed in Title 22.

Therefore, the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, of as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.

19. Access to the subject property is via The Old Road and Sloan Canyon Road, both designated major highways on the County Master Plan of Highways, which is 80 feet wide at this portion of the highways. The highway is improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic that would be expected in connection with the proposed project. The existing restaurant utilizes a sewer system for wastewater disposal. Public water is provided. There is a County Fire Department Station is a half mile from the center. The community is served by the Santa Clarita Valley Office of the County Sheriff's Department.

Therefore, the proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.

20. The requested alcohol permit for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant will not adversely affect places used for religious worship, schools, parks, or playground. However, there is a public library, which is considered a similar use, located 180 feet from the restaurant within the same shopping center. Properly conditioned there will not be an adverse affect on the library.

Therefore, the requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of a place used exclusively for religious worship, school, park, playground or any similar use within a 600-foot radius.

21. The subject property is five (5) acres in size. The restaurant building measures 3,754 square feet and the parking lot provides 208 stalls. There are two separate single-family residential neighbors to the south and southwest located approximately 400 feet from restaurant. The restaurant is sufficiently buffered from the residences in the surrounding area since it is located in an existing shopping center and the request for an alcohol permit will not change existing conditions since relocation of the restaurant is in the same shopping center.

Therefore, the requested use at the proposed location is sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area within the immediate vicinity so as not to adversely affect said area.

22. The alcohol request is for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant, and no other establishments that have an alcohol license for on-site consumption within 500 feet, however the Walgreens has a CUP for off-site consumption within 500 feet from the Las Rocas Bar & Grill and that a finding for public convenience or necessity is required since the project does create an undue concentration as defined in the County Code. The total number of alcohol licenses allowed in Census Tract 9201-04 is two and the total number of alcohol licenses that exist in this Census Tract are one, which is for the Las Rocas Bar and Grill, the approval of the requested alcohol license would not create an undue concentration within the Census Tract, according to California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC") standards. The sale of alcoholic beverages would provide a full service dining experience as no other facility in the vicinity provides this service for on-site consumption. This restaurant would be able to provide a community benefit by offering the opportunity for alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption with a meal and currently this type of facility does not exist. Alcoholic beverages sold with a meal, creates a better environment for the consumption of alcohol rather than a standalone bar that does not serve food. In addition, ABC would require training for all employees of the restaurant to be sure that alcohol consumption is done in a safe manner. Staff believes that they meet this finding of public convenience and necessity.

Therefore, the requested use at the proposed location will not result in an undue concentration of similar premises; a separation of not less than 500 feet shall not be construed as undue concentration; provided, however, that the planning agency may find that the public convenience or necessity for an additional facility selling alcoholic for off-site consumption, outweighs the fact that it is either on-site or off-site consumption, in which case the shelf space devoted to alcoholic beverage shall be limited to not more than five percent of the total shelf space in the establishment.

23. The Castaic community is small and the Las Rocas Bar and Grill supports the local neighborhood. The request for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant would not adversely affect the economy of the surrounding area because this is something that one would customarily expect in connection with dining, that there are either no other dining establishments in the

area that offer this service, and as such would be a beneficial addition. In fact the previous approval in 2007 was supported by the Castaic Town Council. This request was not brought to the Castaic Town Council, since the restaurant was relocation in the same shopping center.

Therefore, the requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the nearby community; and

24. The existing restaurant structure's exterior appearance is consistent with the other commercial buildings located in the shopping center and does not cause blight, deterioration or substantially diminish property values. The alcohol permit will not change the exterior of the building except for the business sign; therefore, the project will not change that the underlying existing building is consistent with the immediate neighborhood character and consistent with the Castaic Area Community Standards District development standards.

Therefore, the exterior appearance of the structure will not be inconsistent with the exterior appearance of commercial structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood so as to cause blight, deterioration, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

25. This project is for the authorization to sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant and there is no interruption of use.

Therefore, the project qualifies as a Categorical Exemption (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and is consistent with the finding by the State Secretary for Resources or by local guidelines that this class of projects does not have a significant effect on the environment.

26. **TERM LIMIT.** To assure continued compatibility between the use of the subject property allowed by this grant and surrounding land uses, the Hearing Officer determines that it is necessary to limit the term of the grant to 10 years.
27. **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.** The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Hearing Officer's decision is based in this matter is at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Zoning Permits North Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE HEARING OFFICER CONCLUDES:

- A. That the proposed use will be consistent with the adopted general plan for the area; and
- B. That the requested use at the location proposed will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare; and
- C. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, of as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area; and
- D. That the proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required; and
- E. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of a place used exclusively for religious worship, school, park, playground or any similar use within a 600-foot radius; and
- F. The requested use at the proposed location is sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area within the immediate vicinity so as not to adversely affect said area; and
- G. The requested use at the proposed location will not result in an undue concentration of similar premises; a separation of not less than 500 feet shall not be construed as undue concentration; provided, however, that the planning agency may find that the public convenience or necessity for an additional facility selling alcoholic for off-site consumption, outweighs the fact that it is either on-site or off-site consumption, in which case the shelf space devoted to alcoholic beverage shall be limited to not more than five percent of the total shelf space in the establishment; and
- H. The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the nearby community; and
- I. The exterior appearance of the structure will not be inconsistent with the exterior appearance of commercial structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood so as to cause blight, deterioration, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood.

THEREFORE, the information submitted by the applicant and presented at the public hearing/meeting substantiates the required findings for a Conditional Use Permit No 201200141 as set forth in Section (s) 22.56.090 and 22.56.195 of the County Code (Zoning Ordinance).

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

1. The Hearing Officer has considered the Categorical Exemption for this project and certifies that it is consistent with the finding by the State Secretary for Resources or by local guidelines that this class of projects does not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. In view of the findings of fact and conclusions presented above Conditional Use Permit No 201200141 is Approved subject to the attached conditions.

SMT:rg
4-4-13

c: Hearing Officer, Zoning Enforcement, Building and Safety

**DRAFT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. R2012-02420-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 201200141**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is for the sale of alcoholic beverages (Type 47 beer, wine and distilled spirits) for on-site consumption at a restaurant in the CPD (Commercial Planned Development) Zone, subject to the following conditions of approval:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, owner of the property, and any other person, corporation, or other entity making use of this grant.
2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Los Angeles County ("County") Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all of the conditions of this grant, and that the conditions of the grant have been recorded as required by Condition No. 7, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition No. 10. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 2 and Condition Nos. 4, 5, and 9 shall be effective immediately upon the date of final approval of this grant by the County.
3. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "date of final approval" shall mean the date the County's action becomes effective pursuant to Section 22.60.260 of the County Code.
4. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code Section 65009 or any other applicable limitations period. The County shall promptly notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the permittee of any claim action or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.
5. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall within ten days of the filing make an initial deposit with Regional Planning in the amount of up to \$5,000.00, from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in Regional Planning's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to permittee or permittee's counsel.

If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of \$5,000.00. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

6. If any material provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
7. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall **record the terms and conditions** of the grant in the office of the County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk ("Recorder"). In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the property during the term of this grant, the permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property.
8. **This grant shall terminate on April 16, 2023.** Entitlement to use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect. If the permittee intends to continue operations after such date, whether or not the permittee proposes any modifications to the use at that time, the permittee shall file a new Conditional Use Permit application with Regional Planning, or shall otherwise comply with the applicable requirements at that time. Such application shall be filed at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of this grant and shall be accompanied by the required fee. In the event that the permittee seeks to discontinue or otherwise change the use, notice is hereby given that the use of such property may require additional or different permits and would be subject to the then-applicable regulations.
9. This grant shall expire unless used within ninety (90) days from the date of final approval of the grant. A single thirty (30) day time extension may be requested in writing and with the payment of the applicable fee prior to such expiration date. For the purposes of this provision, continued operation of the sale of alcoholic beverages at an existing restaurant and satisfaction of Condition No. 2 shall be considered use of this grant.
10. The subject property shall be maintained and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken

on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file. The permittee shall deposit with the County the sum of \$1,000.00. The deposit shall be placed in a performance fund, which shall be used exclusively to compensate Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval. The fund provides for five (5) biennial (one every other year) inspections. Inspections shall be unannounced.

If additional inspections are required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant, or if any inspection discloses that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be financially responsible and shall reimburse Regional Planning for all additional enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be [200.00 per inspection, or the current recovery cost at the time any additional inspections are required, whichever is greater.

11. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or Hearing Officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public's health or safety or so as to be a nuisance, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the County Code.
12. All development pursuant to this grant must be kept in full compliance with the County Fire Code to the satisfaction of said department.
13. All development pursuant to this grant shall conform with the requirements of the County Department of Public Works to the satisfaction of said department.
14. All development pursuant to this grant shall comply with the requirements of Title 22 of the County Code ("Zoning Ordinance") and of the specific zoning of the subject property, unless specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions, including the approved Exhibit "A," or a revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director of Regional Planning ("Director").
15. The permittee shall maintain the subject property in a neat and orderly fashion. The permittee shall maintain free of litter all areas of the premises over which the permittee has control.
16. All structures, walls and fences open to public view shall remain free of graffiti or other extraneous markings, drawings, or signage that was not approved by Regional Planning. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the business being operated on the premises or that do not provide pertinent information about said premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.

In the event of graffiti or other extraneous markings occurring, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of notification of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

17. The subject property shall be developed and maintained in substantial compliance with the plans marked Exhibit "A." If changes to the site plan are required as a result of instruction given at the public hearing, **four (4) copies** of a modified Exhibit "A" shall be submitted to Regional Planning within sixty (60) days of the date of final approval.
18. In the event that subsequent revisions to the approved Exhibit "A" are submitted, the permittee shall submit **four (4) copies** of the proposed plans to the Director for review and approval. All revised plans must be accompanied by the written authorization of the property owner(s) and applicable fee for such revision.

PERMIT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

19. The conditions of this grant shall be retained on the premises at all times and shall be immediately produced upon request of any County Sheriff, Zoning Inspector or Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control agent. The manager and all employees of the facility shall be knowledgeable of the conditions herein.
20. Loitering shall be prohibited on the subject property, including loitering by employees of the subject property. Signage in compliance with Section 22.52 Part 10 of the County Code shall be placed on the premises indicating said prohibition. Employees shall be instructed to enforce these regulations and to call local law enforcement if necessary.
21. The permittee, and all managers and designated employees of the establishment, who directly serve or are in the practice of selling alcoholic beverages, shall participate in the LEAD (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) Program provided by the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. All new designated employees shall be required to attend. The licensee shall display a certificate or plaque in a publicly accessible area of the establishment such as the lobby, indicating they have participated in this program. Proof of completion of the facilities' training program by employees, the licensee and all managers shall be available upon request.
22. The permittee shall not advertise the sale of alcoholic beverages on the exterior of any structure on the subject property including windows, walls, fences or similar structures.
23. All regulations of the State of California prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors shall be strictly enforced.

24. The permittee shall post or otherwise provide telephone numbers of local law enforcement agencies and taxicab companies at or near the cashier, or similar public service area. Such telephone numbers shall be visible by and available to the general public.
25. This grant authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
26. There shall be no consumption of alcoholic beverages outside the designated areas of the subject facility. The permittee shall instruct all designated employees, who directly serve or are in the practice of selling alcoholic beverages, regarding this restriction. Employees shall be instructed to enforce such restrictions and to call local law enforcement as necessary.
27. The permittee shall develop and implement a Designated Driver program (i.e. free soft drinks or coffee to a designated driver of a group). The permittee shall submit the program to the Director of Planning for approval prior to the approval of the Exhibit "A". A printed two-sided card explaining this program shall be placed on all tables in the restaurant or an explanation regarding the program shall be printed on the menu.
28. All servers of alcoholic beverages must be at least 18 years of age.
29. There shall be no music or other noise audible beyond the restaurant premises.
30. The operation of the facility Las Rocas Bar & Grill is further subject to all of the following conditions:
 - a. No live entertainment, dancing, or dance floor is authorized in or outside the premises;
 - b. Alcoholic beverages shall be sold to customers only when food is ordered and consumed within the subject restaurant only;
 - c. The sale and serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption outside the restaurant in the patio area is prohibited during the operating hours of the Castaic Public Library.
 - d. The business shall employ not less than one full-time cook that is engaged in the preparation of meals for patrons during the permissible hours of operation;
 - e. Not less than fifty-one percent of the income from the business enterprise shall be derived from the sale of food and non-alcoholic beverages. The business owner shall at all times maintain records which reflect separately the gross sale of food and the gross sale of alcoholic beverages. Said records shall be made available to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, or the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on demand;
 - f. The permittee may hold "happy hour" drink specials, specials or similar promotions only in conjunction with food;

PROJECT SITE SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

35. This grant shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at the restaurant called the Las Rocas Bar & Grill.
36. The permittee shall provide parking as required by the County Code, calculated at a parking as approved on Revised Exhibit "A" No. 201300004. The restaurant has a square footage of 3,754 (including the patio)/an occupant load of 161 as calculated by County Department of Public Works, Building and Safety on October 17, 2012, persons which would require not less than 38 spaces be provided. If the permittee changes the operation of restaurant so as to require less parking than the minimum requirement, the permittee shall submit an application for a Revised Exhibit "A" within 90 days of such occurrence.
37. If the restaurant substantially changes its mode or character of operation or if the permittee changes the use or occupancy or otherwise modifies the subject property so as to require parking beyond the minimum requirement, the permittee shall submit an application for a minor parking deviation, parking permit, variance, or other applicable permit, as determined by the Director, within 90 days of such occurrence.

SECTION 23958.4 B & P WORK SHEET

APPLICANT:

Los Rocal Inc.

PREMISES ADDRESS:

27963 Sloan Canyon Rd

LICENSE TYPE:

Castro, CA

CRIME REPORTING DISTRICT

LASOJurisdiction is able to provide statistical data for the year: 2011

Reporting District:

* Unincorporated Area
675

Total number of reporting districts:

553

Total number of offenses:

50,259

Average Number of offenses per district:

90

120% of average number of offenses:

109

Total offenses in district:

152

Location is within a high crime reporting district:

☒ YES ☐ NOCENSUS TRACT / UNDUE CONCENTRATION - Year 2012

Census Tract:

9201-04

Population:

2798

ON SALE

OFF SALE

Number of licenses allowed:

2

Number of existing licenses:

1

Undue concentration exists:

NOLetter of Public Convenience or
Necessity Required (PCN):yes

Three times publication required:

NO

Completed by:

VR

Date

11/28/12



California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control License Query System Summary as of 11/27/2012

License Information
License Number: 440064
Primary Owner: LOS ROCAS INC
ABC Office of Application: 05 - VAN NUYS
Business Name
Doing Business As: LOS ROCAS
Business Address
Address: 27963 SLOAN CYN RD Census Tract: 9201.04
City: CASTAIC County: LOS ANGELES
State: CA Zip Code: 91384
Licensee Information
Licensee: LOS ROCAS INC
Company Information
Officer: SANDOVAL, MIGUEL (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)
Officer: SANDOVAL, MARIA HERNANDEZ (PRESIDENT/SECRETARY)
Stock Holder: SANDOVAL, MARIA HERNANDEZ
Stock Holder: SANDOVAL, MIGUEL
License Types
1) License Type: 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE
License Type Status: ACTIVE
Status Date: 31-DEC-2008 Term: 12 Month(s)
Original Issue Date: 11-OCT-2007 Expiration Date: 30-SEP-2013
Master: Y Duplicate: 0 Fee Code: P0
License Type was Transferred On: 11-OCT-2007 FROM: 47-361103
Current Disciplinary Action
... No Active Disciplinary Action found ...
Disciplinary History

Current Licensee



County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters

4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169
(661) 255-1121



Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

December 6, 2012

Subject: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Consultation for the Sale of Alcohol
Project No.: R2012-02420-(5)
CUP Permit No.: CUP201200141
Establishment: Las Rocas Bar and Grill
Location: 27963 Sloan Canyon Road, Castaic
Description: CUP for the continued sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at an existing restaurant.

(1) Summary of service calls and crime history for the project site over the last five years:

The Sheriff's Department has responded to eighteen (18) calls for service at 27963 Sloan Cyn Rd, Castaic in the past five years;

9 calls for robbery and burglar alarm activations
1 call for a burglary report
8 calls for suspicious persons, loitering juveniles, keep the peace etc

(2) Comments/recommended conditions:

All calls for service have been routine in nature. This establishment has not been a problem.

(3) Overall recommendation:

- ☒ Sheriff does not oppose approval of this CUP.
☐ Sheriff does **NOT** recommend approval of this CUP.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

Paul Becker, Captain
Santa Clarita Valley Station

BCT/bct



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF

Pursuant to Zoning Code Section 22.56.040, the applicant shall substantiate the following:

(Do not repeat the statement or provide Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages.)

A. That the requested use at the location will not:

1. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or
2. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or
3. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Las Rocas Bar & Grill has operated successfully for 5 years in this shopping center and is a very popular and respected restaurant in castaic. the fact that it has done well, without history of complaint verifies that it does not affect the health, peace, comfort or general welfare of anyone in nearby area and it is one of the elements of this shopping center that helps contribute to its economic vitality. it is operated and maintained in a manner consistent with all public health regulations and other regulatory requirements.

B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.

No construction or modification to the exterior, footprint or square feet of the existing shopping center. the only construction proposed by this application is tenant improvements to support the relocation of the restaurant from its existing storefront in one building to a storefront in another building on the same property. all ordinance requirements have been met and previously approved.

C. That the proposed site is adequately served:

1. By highways or streets of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and
2. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

all existing streets and highways are adequate to accommodate the continued use of this restaurant.
all other private and public service facilities are in and adequate to meet the continued use.



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES BURDEN OF PROOF

Pursuant to Zoning Code Section 22.56.195, the applicant shall substantiate the following:
(Do not repeat the statement or provide Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages.)

ABC License Type No(s): 47 (e.g. Type 20, Type 41)

A. That the requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of a place used exclusively for religious worship, school, park, playground, or any similar use within a 600-foot radius.

This is a request to relocate an existing restaurant selling alcohol to a different storefront in the same Shopping center in order to accommodate the expansion of the county library in the same building. the existing use has not had an adverse impact on any properties, land uses or persons in the general area.

B. That the requested use at the proposed location is sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area within the immediate vicinity so as not to adversely affect said area.

This restaurant has peacefully existed in its current location in the same shopping center for 5 years with no complaint or issue which serves to demonstrate that it is well operated and well maintained and will continue to be so. the distance from residences and the differences in topography help to assure that buffering is adequate.

C. The requested use at the proposed location will not result in an undue concentration of similar premises; a separation of not less than 500 feet shall not be construed as undue concentration; provided, however, that the planning agency may find that the public convenience or necessity for an additional facility selling alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption, outweighs the fact that it is located within a 500-foot radius of any other facility selling alcoholic beverages for either on-site or off-site consumption, in which case the shelf space devoted to alcoholic beverages shall be limited to not more than five percent of the total shelf space in the establishment.

This is not a request to establish a new alcohol use. This request is merely to relocate an existing restaurant selling alcohol to accommodate expansion of the county library in the same shopping center.

D. That the requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the economic welfare of the surrounding community.

The 5 year operating history of his restaurant demonstrates that it has not in any way caused an economic impact on the property or surrounding community.

E. That the exterior appearance of the structure will not be inconsistent with the exterior appearance of commercial structures already constructed or under construction within the immediate neighborhood so as to cause blight, deterioration, or substantially diminish or impair property values within said neighborhood.

No significant changes to the exterior of the existing shopping center buildings is proposed or anticipated. existing signage for the restaurant may be relocated to the new storefront replacing signage no longer in use.

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. View of the existing Building One on the subject property with the location for the new location for Las Rocas Bar & Grill shown in the center of the photo, where there is a round setback area.
2. Another photo looking more straight on to Building One on the subject property with portion of the building proposed as the new location for Las Rocas Bar & Grill to the right, where existing signage says "Florist".
3. View of Building Two with the existing location of the County Library visible on the left and the existing location for Las Rocas Bar & Grill visible on the right. The Library will be expanding and will assume the space currently occupied by Las Rocas.
4. Another view of the Library.
5. View of Walgreen's which sits on a separate parcel, not under the same ownership. This parcel is immediately adjacent to the subject parcel.
6. Another view of Building One, with most of the westerly portion of this building shown. The location proposed for the new placement to the east or right side of the photo. Much of this building is currently vacant and available for lease.



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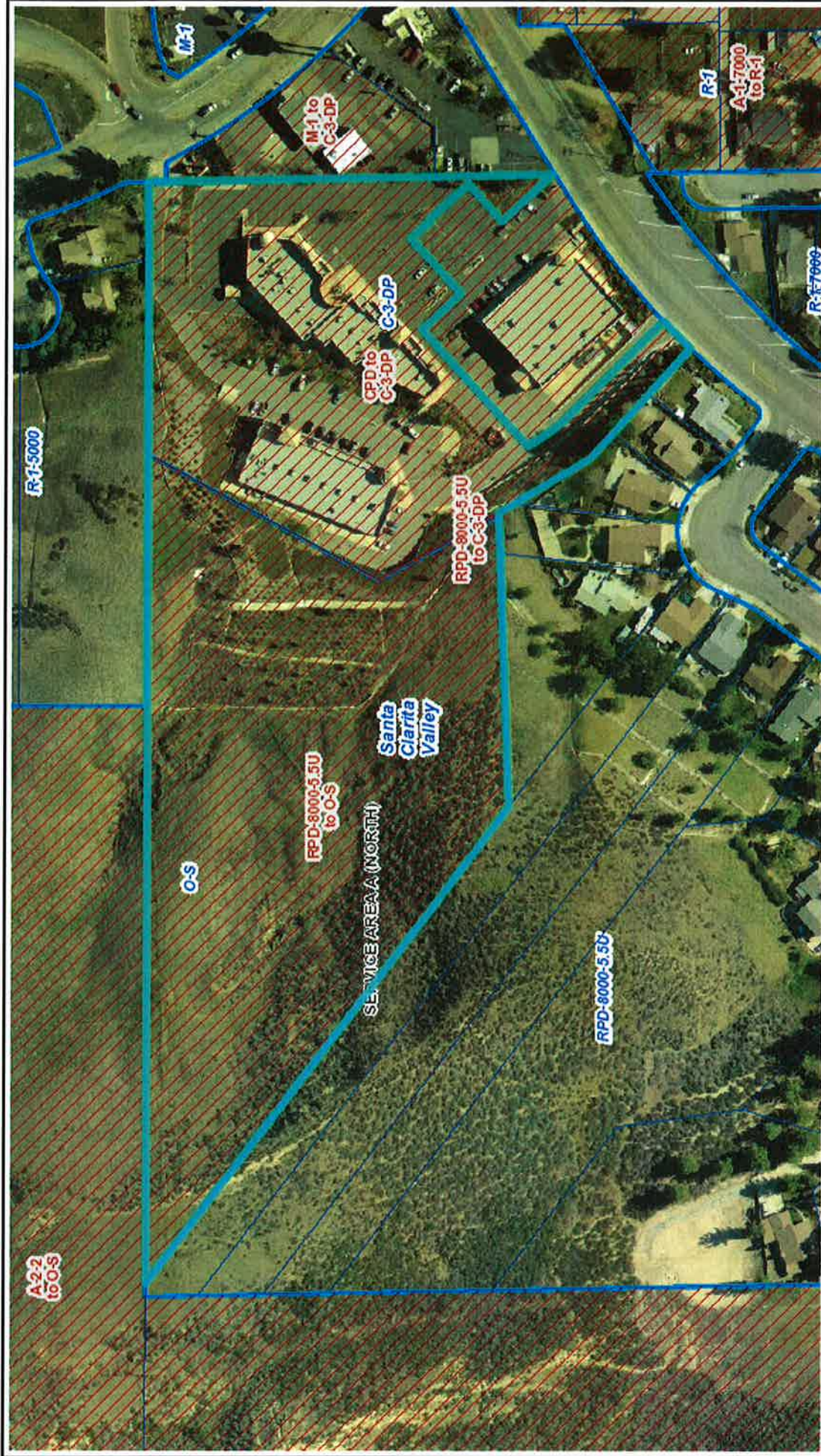
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